

PREFACE

The purpose of the *Washington State Data Book* is to present, in one reference document, a diversity of information on Washington, its people, economy, and government. The information is obtained from state and federal agencies as well as private business.

The *Data Book* contains eleven major chapters: Population, Economy, State Government Finance, Human Services, Criminal Justice, Education, Natural Resources, Environment, Energy, Transportation, and Local Government and Special Districts. These sections represent the type of information most frequently requested by a broad range of users.

It would be impossible to compile and publish the *Data Book* without the cooperation of the contributing agencies. Therefore, we thank those agencies and their research staff, professional and clerical. Agency names, addresses, general information, telephone numbers, and reference publications are listed in the Contributing Agencies section starting on page 289.

Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the data presented in the *Data Book*. Because the *Data Book* is published every two years, much of the material is subject to frequent updates and changes and these data should not be cited as the most recent official agency information.

WASHINGTON STATE HISTORICAL FACTS AND SYMBOLS

State Seal:



State Capital: Olympia
Governor: Christine Gregoire

- 1579: Sir Francis Drake sailed up the Pacific Northwest Coast and named the entire region New Albion.
- 1775: Spain laid claim to the area.
- 1792: Many of our state landmarks named by Captain George Vancouver. Captain Robert Gray explored the lower reaches of the Columbia River.
- 1805-06: Lewis and Clark expedition explored the Northwest and reached the Pacific Ocean at the mouth of the Columbia River.
- 1818: Fort Walla Walla built by the North West Company. This enabled the United States to claim joint occupancy of the Oregon Territory with England.
- 1819: Spain gave the United States any and all rights claimed by Spain to the Oregon country.
- 1846: Oregon Territory became a part of the United States when the United States and Great Britain agreed to the 49th parallel as the northern U.S. boundary.
- 1848: Oregon Territory was established with Washington as the northern part of the territory.
- 1853: Washington Territory, separate from Oregon, was created. Isaac Stevens was the first territorial governor.
- 1863: Idaho Territory was created from part of the Washington Territory.
- 1889: Washington admitted to the United States on November 11 as the forty-second state. Elisha Ferry was the first elected governor of Washington State.
- 1941: Grand Coulee Dam completed.
- 1980: Mount St. Helens erupted in May.
- 1989: Washington celebrated 100 years of statehood on November 11.

Nickname: The Evergreen State	Arboretum: Washington Park Arboretum
Tree: Western Hemlock	Song: "Washington, My Home" by Helen Davis
Colors: Green and Gold	Flower: Coast Rhododendron
Bird: Willow Goldfinch	Motto: Alki, meaning "bye and bye"
Fish: Steelhead Trout	Folk Song: "Roll On Columbia, Roll On" by Woody Guthrie
Fruit: Apple	Gem: Petrified Wood
Dance: Square Dance	Grass: Bluebunch Wheatgrass
Ship: "President Washington"	Insect: Common Green Darner Dragonfly
Tartan: <i>Background:</i> green, (rich forests) <i>perpendicular bands:</i> blue (lakes, rivers and ocean); white (snow-capped mountains); red (apple and cherry crops); yellow (wheat and grain crops); black (eruption of Mt. St. Helens).	Fossil: Columbian Mammoth of North America Marine Mammal: Orca

DATA NOTES

Many data series published in the *Washington State Data Book* are available in separate publications released by the contributing agencies. These source documents generally provide updated data on a more frequent and detailed basis than the *Data Book*. The source documents also provide data definitions and user information not included in the *Data Book* due to lack of space.

Please contact the contributing agency for additional data, explanations, or updated information. The contributing agencies, their addresses, telephone numbers, and some available publications are listed starting on page 289.

County Section Sources and Footnotes for the county profiles is located on pages 260 and 261.

Unless otherwise noted, the time periods in this publication are either calendar year or fiscal year. The following types of fiscal year are used in the tables:

- State Fiscal Year - July 1 through the following June 30;
- Federal Fiscal Year - October 1 through the following September 30
- School Fiscal Year - September 1 through the following August 31.
- Biennium – Two-year fiscal period starting July 1 of an odd-numbered year and ending June 30 of the next odd-numbered year.

Real or constant dollars are dollars that have been adjusted to account for the effect of inflation. This adjustment is made in relation to a base year. Data from years after the base year are adjusted down by inflation, those before are adjusted up. This allows actual (or real) changes to be observed.

Current or nominal dollars have not been adjusted in any way.

Financial data are in current dollars unless otherwise noted.

British Thermal Unit (BTU): The quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit.

The *Washington State Data Book* is on the internet. Data corrections will be made as needed to the internet file. The Office of Financial Management internet homepage is located at: <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/>.

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